

# **North Central LRT Extension**

## **Dallas, Texas**

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### **Description**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is constructing the North Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension. The light rail will extend 12.5 miles from the current northern terminus at the Park Lane Station to the new terminal in Plano and have three sections (NC-3, NC-4, and NC-5), nine stations, four of which are aerial structures, 21 new LRT vehicles, an LRT vehicle acceptance facility, an expansion to the existing service and inspection facility, and a maintenance facility. DART estimates that over 17,000 daily riders will use the extension in 2010.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$517.20 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share for this project is \$333 million.

### **Status**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved entry into Preliminary Engineering in July 1994. The Record of Decision was issued in June 1997. Entry into Final Design was approved in June 1997. FTA entered into an FFGA with DART for the North Central extension project on October 6, 1999, with a revenue operations date scheduled for December 31, 2003. Sections NC-3 and NC-4 were opened for revenue operations on July 1, 2002. Section NC-5 is under construction and expected to open for revenue service in December 2002.

Favorable bid conditions have allowed DART to realize \$80 million in cost savings on this project. DART has requested an amendment to the FFGA to use the savings to add to the scope of work the construction of an additional station and parking spaces and the purchase of 20 additional railcars.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(20) authorizes the North Central Extension for Final Design and construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$230.91 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds to the project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
<b>Federal:</b> Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$333.00	\$230.91 million appropriated through FY 2002
<b>Local:</b> 1% local sales tax	\$184.20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$517.20</b>	

**NOTE:** Total may not add due to rounding.

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